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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES

SUBJECT: Communication Invention - [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] is the inventor of a communications device in which the Agency is presently interested. No patent has yet issued, but two applications are now on file with the Patent Office, and, so far, there is no interference proceeding. CIA Communications was very interested in the device, but was somewhat doubtful at first as to the best method of procurement.

25X1A 2. A conference was held on 31 January with [REDACTED] and his 25X1A  
backer, [REDACTED]. Those present for CIA were: [REDACTED]  
25X1A [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of the Contract Section, SSS, [REDACTED] 25X1A  
25X1A [REDACTED] Communications, and the writer. The inventor was seeking a 25X1A  
25X1A commercial outlet as well as having an extensive patent search made  
by two separate firms. They indicated that they were in the course  
of negotiations with various manufacturers, but in view of our in-  
25X1A terest wanted to be certain that they selected one acceptable to us.  
[REDACTED] indicated that it would probably be preferable from our  
standpoint to make it available to the public market since established  
usage would provide better security for the Agency. The device can  
be adapted for Agency use by the addition of a small alteration which  
would not be detected, and the basic security risk would be in isolated  
25X1A use by the Agency alone. No commitments were made, and we decided  
to meet [REDACTED] again when he had had a report from his patent  
counsel.

3. On 17 February, [REDACTED] met with the 25X1A  
same personnel indicated above. The report of his patent attorneys 25X1A  
was so far very favorable, and we informed [REDACTED] that we would  
like to have four units for test as soon as they could be produced  
by a manufacturer. In the meantime he will continue his attempt to  
discover a manufacturer who is willing to purchase complete title  
in the invention. Neither [REDACTED] nor his backer is interested 25X1A  
in manufacturing or assuming any of the obligations of defending  
infringement actions, and for that reason do not wish to retain title.  
Our present intention is to make a research and development contract  
with the ultimate buyer of the patent.

25X1A 4. Since [REDACTED] is at the present time an employee of the  
Federal Communications Commission, there is some question of the  
Government's rights in his basic invention. Under Executive Order 10096

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It appears that the matter should be submitted to the Government Patents Board before any payments can be authorized for [REDACTED] or a subsequent assignee. The Chairman of the Board has not yet been appointed, and the regulatory procedure has not been established. It is my understanding that the appointment of the Chairman and some initial steps will probably be taken this week. It will be necessary to obtain some clear indication from the Board that the invention is [REDACTED] sole property and that the Government has no royalty-free "shop-rights" in the invention before any procurement can be initiated.

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